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Official Diary

Friday, 9 January 1953

1. At the Deputies' meeting, referred to the possibility of an outbreak in Cuba but noted that the Cuban government was forewarned.

2. Passed to DCI and D/DCI Mr. Amory's report on the discussion at the NSC Senior Staff respecting the Oil paper.

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3. Briefly discussed, with [REDACTED] the following:

a. Certain matters of Agency policy and Senior personnel problems.

b. Personnel procurement for the Agency.

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25X1A9a Discussed with [REDACTED] the possibility that [REDACTED] will join the Office of Current Intelligence. O/CI is to provide a replacement.

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5. Lunched with Admirals Espe and Stout during which the following matters were discussed:

a. I explained the distinction between Captain Layton's activities with respect to intelligence matters at the Tripartite Conferences and the activities of Captain Layton's Security Subcommittee, relating exclusively to covert intelligence and related matters. As to the former, I felt that CIA could continue to contribute, although it might well do so through DNI. As to the latter, I indicated that there was some question whether CIA would continue to participate. If it did, the provisions of my previous agreement with Admiral Stout would not apply, since it was felt that CIA could not act under Navy sponsorship respecting covert intelligence matters. Admirals Espe and Stout indicated that they understood this position and further noted that no complaint had been received from Captain Layton respecting the withdrawal of the CIA representative on the Security Subcommittee.

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b. I briefly discussed with Admiral Espe the ground rules under which I operate vis a vis the other IAC Agencies, and requested him to call to my attention any matter in dispute between our intelligence staffs. Neither of us knew of any such matters at the present time.

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d. We also exchanged views as to the possible future of the State Intelligence Staff and it was agreed that any serious setback to that Staff would be a disadvantage to the IAC intelligence group.

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6. Was briefed by O/CI Division Chiefs on the world situation during the period of my trip. The only question I had was the relatively stereotyped view expressed with respect to the anti-Zionist propaganda put out by the Soviets. I felt that this program deserved serious study, particularly since it might indicate a marked change of pace with respect to the Soviet program vis a vis the Middle East and North Africa, and expressed myself to that effect.

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